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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: PRIVATE AID ORGANIZATION OFFERS GIRM USE OF
TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS OF F.L.I.G.H.T. AND FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY
SPENT TWO DAYS REVIEWING WITH GIRM HOW THEIR TWO ORGANIZATIONS
COULD HELP WITH DROUGHT RELIEF. F.L.I.G.H.T. HAS AGREED
"IN PRINCIPLE" TO PROVIDE A TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND FOOD
FOR THE HUNGRY WILL SEND A TRIAL SHIPMENT OF POWDERED
NUTRIENTS.

ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON F.L.I.G.H.T. AND FOOD FOR
THE HUNGRY.

1. MR. LARRY WARD, PRESIDENT OF FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, INC,
P.O. BOX 200, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90041 AND MR. HENDRIK
OTZEN PRESIDENT OF F.L.I.G.H.T., 8600 BALBOA BLVD, SUITE 8A,
NORTHRIDGE CALIFORNIA 91324, SPENT AUG 8 AND 9 IN NOUAKCHOTT
TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE GIRM INCLUDING THE MINISTER OF
HEALTH, WHO ALSO SERVES AS OVERALL COORDINATOR OF GIRM'S
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DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORTS. WARD AND OTZEN SAID THEY HAD BEEN

TRAVELLING TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE SAHELIAN ZONE WITH STOPS IN SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER, MALI, AND MAURITANIA. THEIR MISSION, THEY SAID, WAS TO LOOK INTO DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORTS TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR "NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE" INSTITUTIONS TO BE OF SERVICE. BOTH MEN SEEMED TO BE SERIOUS IN THEIR AVOWED INTENTION AND ADDED THEY HAD WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER IN RELIEF EFFORTS IN NICARAGUA AND BANGLADESH.

2. BEFORE DEPARTING WARD AND OTZEN REVIEWED WITH CHARGE THEIR MEETING WITH MIN HEALTH. OTZEN SAID THAT HE OFFERED MINISTER THE USE OF A HELICOPTER OR LIGHT PLANE. MINISTER REPLIED HE REALLY WANTED A LARGE TRANSPORT LIKE A C-130 AND THAT GIRM WOULD PROVIDE ALL FUEL AND SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN AIRCRAFT. OTZEN SAID THAT HE HAD AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO PROVIDE SUCH AN AIRCRAFT BUT THAT HE WOULD NEED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER TO F.L.I.G.H.T. FORMALLY REQUESTING IT. OTZEN SAID THAT THE LETTER WOULD AID HIS ORGANIZATION IN SECURING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND THAT THE MINISTER AGREED TO SEND A LETTER IMMEDIATELY.

3. FOR HIS PART WARD SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO SEND A FEW HUNDRED POUNDS OF NUTRIANTS, SUCH AS CARNATION INSTANT BREAKFAST WHICH, HE SAID, HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY USED IN BANGLADESH. THIS SHIPMENT WOULD TEST IF THE POPULATION WOULD CONSUME SUCH A PRODUCT. WARD INDICATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTS WITH CARNATION AND PET MILK AND THAT HIS SUPPLIES WERE OFTEN DONATED BY THE COMPANIES.

4. BOTH MEN SAID THAT THEY PLAN TO RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT IN MID-SEPT TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH GIRM. ASKED IF THEY INTENDED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHER SAHELIAN COUNTRIES OTZEN SAID HE HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE A LIGHT PLANE TO MISSIONARIES IN NIGER AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND PERHAPS A HELICOPTER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO AID/W MAY HAVE ON THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND ANY COMMENTS FROM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU AND AMEMBASSY NIAMEY.

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